

INDWELLING CHRIST

1. Introduction and Definition:

- A. The indwelling Holy Spirit in every believer for the Church age is operational and His purpose is to help us, guide us, convict us of righteousness, and empower us in areas of perception of Bible doctrine, power to understand doctrine and make decisions.
- B. The indwelling Christ indwells every believer for the purpose of fellowship with the believer as that believer is led by the Holy Spirit in doctrine and application. Fellowship with Christ begins when we learn His Word and apply it to our lives. This gives us spiritual self esteem and raises our ability and capacity to think as God does.
- C. The Holy Spirit's indwelling is permanent, while the indwelling of Christ is temporary for the purpose of encouragement to positive believers.
- D. Fellowship which we have with the indwelling Christ is related to the resident doctrine from God's Word we have learned, Ephesians 3:17, "Christ may indwell your hearts (right lobes) by doctrine perceived in love, rooted after having received the foundation." Romans 8:10, Galatians 2:10, "Christ lives in me."
- E. Under the analogy of Romans 7:2-4 the indwelling Christ is the second husband and the believer is the wife. Christ is the husband and the new counselor is the Holy Spirit which guides their fellowship along. The old husband, the Adamic Nature, and the old counselor, the Law, are dead to the new relationship the believer has.

- 1) Divorce means that you are dead to someone. You never spend time with them any more, you don't speak to them, you don't go out with them, you don't have sex with them, so you don't do anything with them.
- 2) Remarriage to the Lord Jesus Christ at salvation means that you owe the Adamic Nature nothing, just like you owe your former marriage partner nothing.

2. Prophecy of the indwelling Lord Jesus Christ, John 14:18-21.
 - A. The Church age is the dispensation of the royal family of God and means the Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus Christ indwells believers.
 - B. The Lord Jesus Christ has three categories of royalty:
 - God/Royalty as Son of God
 - David's line or National Royalty of Israel
 - He ascended in resurrection and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and has battlefield royalty.
3. Indwelling Christ provides confidence for the believer as he advances towards maturity.
 - A. Colossians 1:27, "Christ in you, the confidence of glory." Glory here means blessings in maturity for the believer.
 - B. Capacity is the missing link in the believer and the Justice of God will not impute blessings to targeted righteousness in the believer until he has gained capacity for life, adversity, and happiness.
 - C. Security is God's blessing on the believer in time in the devil's world for he is safe and secure with prosperity each day.
 - D. Blessings that God desires to give the believer are:
 - 1) Spiritual blessings: capacity to love Christ, life, happiness, occupation with Christ.
 - 2) Prosperity, success, power, sexual, material, leadership, and establishment prosperity.
 - 3) Blessing by association, if you die as a mature believer not only will you have blessing in death but your loved ones left behind will also benefit from your maturity. Your children, relatives, etc., will receive blessings all their lives, business success, military success, local church success, among other areas of blessings.

4) Historical impact is also part of this blessing where the believer becomes part of the pivot, the remnant of grace mature believers, and God blesses this group.

5) Dying blessing. – Dying grace for mature believers.

6) Adversity blessing in undeserved suffering.

4. Therefore, the purpose of the indwelling Christ is related to the believer reaching maturity and pleasing God the Father, Ephesians 3:17-19.
5. In view of this purpose the Lord Jesus Christ no longer indwells the reversionistic believer. 2 Corinthians 13:5, “Be testing yourselves if you are in the doctrine (constantly checking on yourselves to see if you are consistent) be testing yourselves for maturity or do you not know yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you unless you are disapproved (reversionism).”
6. Reversion recovery includes the recovery of the indwelling of Christ, Revelation 3:15-20.